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1. AS MENTIONED FINAL PARAGRAPH REFTEL, SECRETARY'S ONLY PUBLIC ADDRESS WILL BE HIS 1630 APPEARANCE BEFORE AMERICANS LIVING IN KABUL AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF MISSION WITH THEIR FAMILIES. WE EXPECT HOWEVER THAT THESE REMARKS WILL BE WIDELY REPORTED AND DISCUSSED IN KABUL. THEREFORE SUGGEST THIS ADDRESS BE HEAVY IN COVERAGE OF AFGHAN/US RELATIONS. TALKING POINTS FOLLOW:

2. AMERICANS. IT IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGING FOR AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS TO BE TOLD THEIR WORK IS APPRECIATED. KABUL IS A VERY DISTANT POST, AND THE SECRETARY'S COMING WILL BE A LINK WITH HOME APPRECIATED BY ALL. OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY INCLUDES MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA, TEACHERS COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS, SEVRAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PHILANTHROPIC ASSOCIATIONS LIKE CARE-MEDICO AND THE ASIA FOUNDATION, PLUS PEACE CORPS, EMBASSY, AID, USIS, DEFENSE ATTACHE, ETC.

3. NON-AMERICAN STAFF. BELIEVE SECRETARY SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO INCLUDE NON-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF MISSION IN HIS WORDS OF APPRECIATION. RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS IN BEIRUT SHOWED US ALL THE EXTENT TO

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WHICH OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES SHARE THE FATE OF AMERICAN

DIPLOMATS, AND WE KNOW OUR LOCALS HERE WOULD LIKE TO BE TOLD THEY ARE APPRECIATED.

4. AFGHAN/AMERICAN RELATIONS: SECRETARY SHOULD RECALL HIS COMING TO KABUL ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974 AND HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH AFGHAN SPECIAL ENVOY MOHAMMAD NAIM IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. HE SHOULD NOTE PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AFGHANISTAN HAS MADE SINCE HIS EARLIER VISIT, FOR EXAMPLE PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING A SEVEN-YEAR PLAN. HE SHOULD MENTION BRIEFLY MEETINGS HE HAS HAD DURING DAY -- WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD, MOHAMMAD NAIM, THE MINISTERS OF PLANNING, PUBLIC HEALTH, MINES AND INDUSTRIES, AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAHHED ABDULLAH. HE SHOULD EMPHASIZE CONTINUITY OF U.S. INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL BEING, CITING RECENTLY SIGNED ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS FOR U.S. COOPERATION IN CONSTRUCTING RURAL SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CENTERS. SECRETARY MIGHT ALSO CITE P.L. 480 AGREEMENT SIGNED (PROBABLY) ON DAY OF HIS VISIT TO PROVIDE AFGHANISTAN WITH VEGETABLE OIL ON EASY CREDIT TERMS. HE SHOULD COMMENT ON THE COMMON AFGHAN-AMERICAN LOVE FOR AND ADHERENCE TO INDEPENDENCE.

5. REGIONAL AFFAIRS. SECRETARY SHOULD HIGHLIGHT HIS PLEASURE OVER GENERALLY BETTER RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THIS REGION--SPECIFICALLY AMONG AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, IRAN AND INDIA. HE SHOULD EXPRESS ADMINATION FOR PRESIDENT DAOUD'S EFFORTS TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

6. OTHER. ANY TOPIC OF INTEREST TO THE SECRETARY -- THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS LIKE THE KOREA ISSUE AND PUERTO RICO, U.S. FOREING POLICY GOALS -- WIL FIND AN ENTHUSIASTIC, WELL-INFORMED ADUIENCE.

7. SUBJECTS TO AVOID. AFGHANISTAN'S PROXIMITY TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE STATE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE USSR MAKE THAT COUNTRY A SUBJECT TO AVOID.
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